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The Sunday Prem. gize of the Weekly, in order to make room for the advertisements which have been crowding upon our space, without encroaching on literary and editorial matter. Our friends will oblige us by sending in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, as the crowd of new advertisements on Saturday night often drives the paper to the very verge of the Sabbath, before it goes to press.

Fort Moultrie and the Government Arms. The report telegraphed here yesterday, from the correspondence of the New York Times, stating that the President has ordered Capt, Anderson to surrender Fort Moultrie, if attacked, and that Capt. Anderson had delivered up a large quantity of arms which had been removed from the Arsenal to the Fort, on demand of the Charleston people, does not, in the latter particular, agree with the circumstances as previously stated.

It was stated several weeks ago that an attempt was made by the officers of the Arsenal to remove the arms to the Fort for security, which was prevented by the citizens; and that then the Arsenal was placed under the protection of the Charleston Light Infantry: that is, they were virtually surrendered. Therefore, if this was true, Captain arms from the Fort poless they were the armament of the Fort itself, and this is not probable.

As to the instructions to surrender if attacked, they are not inconsistent with the President's whole course, and may be true. Having refused to send re-enforcements to make a garrison adequate to protect the Fort, he could do no less than instruct the Commandant to surrender it when threatmoment the extent of such fortifications. must see that Capt. Anderson's command of sixty or seventy men is not more than softexpected, would be worn out by guard duty | now provides. alone in a few days.

The question whether the South Carolinians could take the Fort, is only a question whether they will try, and if they have ordinary courage. It is utterly impossible for garrison the Fort was a surrender of it. Having done that, it was the duty of the Presi-Not to do this would be a treacherous sacrifice of heir lives.

The spectacle is a disgraceful one to the nation, and most mortifying to the party that placed such a President in power. The only charitable solution of the affair is that the excitement has overthrown the President's wits. Unless his acts can be exhave to be acknowledged that we have open treachery in the head of the Government.

The proposition of a compromise line, dividing the territory between freedom and slavery, seemed to receive considerable favor at the Union meeting, Wednesday. Mr.

J. Scott Harrison was decidedly in favor of
this remedy. But a little while ago we saw
in a list of Southern wrongs, in a Demovor at the Union meeting, Wednesday, Mr. cratic paper of this city, the Missouri Compromise-line included. It would be curious to find that the hair of the same dog would cure the same bite.

Some new territorial policy is certainly required, for ours is a total failure. The Government of the smartest people on earth, and whose capability for self-government is the envy of the old world, and causes the tyrants of Europe to goaw themselves with jealousy, has established a state of hostility between itself and its Territories. To emigrate to a Territory now, is regarded as an act of hostility to the Government. An honest, hard-fisted Democrat goes from Ohio, Indiana, or say of the Western States, to Kansas, and straightway he is, in the eyes of the Government, metamorphosed into a New England Emigrant Aid Abolitionist, for whom hanging is only too good.

At a time like this, when the utmost caution is required to avoid exasperating the South, it would not be consistent with the conservatism of the Passs to throw a fresh firebrand into the conflagration, by claiming that Republicans who emigrate to the Territories should not be summarily executed. But when good Democrats, such as have invariably composed the majority of the emigration to the new Territories, are made into enemies by their own Administration, merely for making ploneers of themselves, we can not call it a triumphant territorial

We have all observed what a source of gratification the Kansas famine has been to the Democratic heart, although it is probable that more Democratic bowels than any other have been pinched by it. Fasting is regarded as a beneficial discipline for sinners who will emigrate into a Territory; and to urge measures of relief, is regarded as quite incendiary; and if done from the pulpit, would bring it under the classification of "degraded pulpit," which at the Union meeting brought down such united applause, as well from dignituries of the church, as from those whose knowledge of the pulpit must be intuitive, if they have any.

Some change is required in our territorial policy. It is not much matter about the people of the Territories. But our reputation for capacity for self-government is in danger. Some policy should be devised by which a Democrat may emigrate to the Territories without losing all rights that white men are bound to respect. Whether the restoration of the Missouri Compromise will do this is a question. Probably if it should be established, a Northern emigrant who went over the line would be thought worthy of the reception which they give our citizens now in the South, and which the managers of the Union-meeting seem to have regarded as quite satisfactory, and not worthy of mention.

But the pertinent and foreible inquiry of Mr. Groesbeck, on the subject of compromiser-"What confidence can be placed in any new compromises when we have violated faith in those we have made?"—not only revived a melancholy recollection f the former fate of the Missouri Compromise, but intimated a resistance to a renewal of broken faith, from a party which could prevent such a settlement, if it should oppose it.

No False Issues for Saving the Union.

To divert the labor of Union-saving to false issues, will only spend it in value South Carolina has no complaints of violations of the Fugitive slave Law, nor of personal-liberty laws. These excuses have been offered her by her allies in the Northbut she has honesty enough to disown them. She declared that the election of Lincoln is The Daily Pages to-morrow will be of the only the occasion for secession, but that she secedes because she hates the Union on gen-

eral principles. Swift witnesses have teld the South that fifteen Northern States have personal-liberty laws nullifying the Fugitive-slave law. The South only uses it as justification for what the cotton States had before determined on. All she cares for it is to say, "you nullified first."

Nobody pretends that the personal-liberty laws have ever obstructed the Fugitive-slave Law in the least, Nor could they. If they were in conflict with the fugitive law, the United States courts would declare them void. That the courts never have done this shows that they never obstructed the fugi-

tive law. It is possible that one or two of the laws that are thus classified, intended to obstruct the execution of the fugitive law; regarding the manner in which that violated legal principles as a justification. But nearly all of them were intended only to protect free

What if there are such laws? Would any sane man propose, as a concession to the South, that the Constitution be amended so as to prohibit them. Would any Southern man be so shallow as to regard this as a con-Anderson can not have delivered up any | cession? If the laws conflict with the laws of Congress they are null, and the courts will so declare them when they come in the way. Would the South abandon this prompt and adequate remedy, and establish the princ'ple that when a State passes an unconstitutional act, the Constitution has got to be amended in order to put it down? How Southern fanatics would sacrifice their own rights and their constitutional protection if they had their own way. There is no ened with force. They who consider for a electruction to the execution of the Fugitiveslave Law in the North. The Constitution is a complete protection against any. Any change which could be made in it in that reclent to mount guard; and if a surprise was spect, would only weaken the protection it

Our wonderful national progress is supposed to astonish the world; but it is doubtful if we are not excelling ourselves in the spectacle we now present to an admiring universe. We have the people of a State in that number of men to protect an extensive the attitude of open rebellion against the fortification from assault. The refusal to Government, and organizing for forcible resistance; and the United States Arsenal in the possession of the rebels, by the consent dent to provide for the safety of the men. of the President, after they had resisted the removal of the arms to a place of security.

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tected, as a condition that no overt act shall be committed during his term of office. Certainly, this is enough to astonish Eu-rope. It will find that the model Republic is as rapid in its decline as in its rise. Where they call things by their real names, they will probably say that we have treason es-tablished in the Administration, and a traitor for President.

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